Experience Yosemite Valley

**Valley Visitor Center**
Located 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village just west of the main post office (shuttle stops #5s #6 #7). Information, maps, books, exhibits, and a multipurpose Full Day in Yosemite program.

**New Film**
Spirit of Yosemite
This inspiring state-of-the-art visitor orientation film provides a stunning overview of Yosemite's splendor. It is shown every 30 minutes from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center's newly remodeled West Auditorium Theater. Closed-capturing available. Assisted Listening Devices are available at the Valley Visitor Center in Spanish, French, Deutsch, and Japanese for hearing impaired speakers of English.

**Yosemite Museum**
Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center.

**Features**
- **Museum Gallery**
  Open 10:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Edges and Intersections, an exhibit honoring the 100th anniversary of Ansel Adams' birth and the centennial anniversary of Best's Studio (known today as The Ansel Adams Gallery).
- **Indian Cultural Exhibit**
  Open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Displays interpret the cultural history of Yosemite's native Miwok and Paiute people from 1850 to the present. Demonstrations of traditional skills are presented. No food or drink permitted.
- **Yosemite Museum Store**
  Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Offering traditional American Indian arts and crafts and books on related subjects.

**The Indian Village of Ahwahnee**
Located behind the Yosemite Museum and open during daylight hours. There is sometimes the opportunity to join Indian Cultural Program staff for demonstrations or programs about Ahwahnee cultural skills and culture.

**Yosemite Cemetery**
This historic cemetery is located across the street and just west of the Yosemite Museum. People buried here include American Indians and others who played an important role in the development of what is now Yosemite National Park. A Guide to the Yosemite Cemetery is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

**Wilderness Center**
Open 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village between The Ahwahnee Hotel and the post office. One-stop resource for backpackers in need of wilderness permits, bear carriers, maps, and guidebooks. Displays and information on pre-trip planning, minimum impact camping techniques, and Yosemite’s wilderness.

**Nature Center at Happy Isles**
Open 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This nature center includes natural history exhibits, interactive displays, and a bookstore geared to nature-loving families. Nearby are short trails focusing on the area’s four different environments: forest, meadows, and lake.

You can also see substantial evidence of the huge 1996 rockfall from the Glacier Point cliff far above the Nature Center. A new outdoor exhibit details the geologic story of rockfall in Yosemite. The Center is a short walk from shuttle stop #15.

**The Ansel Adams Gallery**
Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Located in Yosemite Village next to the Valley Visitor Center. The Gallery offers work of Ansel Adams, contemporary photographers, and other fine artists. In addition, a wide selection of handbooks, books, gifts, and photography supplies is available. For more information, call the Gallery at 209/375-4613 or visit their web site at www.anseladams.com.

**Gallery Exhibit**
July 2-August 12
This summer exhibit will feature the work of Yosemite photographer, Michael Frye, author of The Photographer’s Guide to Yosemite and contributor to Outdoor Photographer magazine. Frye’s landscape, wildlife, and night photography are in may private and corporate collections, as well as widely published around the world.

**LeConte Memorial Lodge**
Open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Located at shuttle stop #12. The LeConte Memorial Lodge, Yosemite’s first public visitor center, is open year-round. Features a children’s corner, library, and a variety of environmental education and evening programs. For more information, call 209/375-4542.

**Yosemite Theater Live**
Come help Yosemite Theater Live celebrate its 19th season! The National Park Service recognizes Yosemite Theater as the best interpretive program of its type in the National Park System. Tickets may be purchased at any tour desk in Yosemite Valley or if seating is still available, at the time of performance.。「Most shows are given in the East Auditorium located behind the Valley Visitor Center in Yosemite Village, near shuttle stop #5. See Scheduled Events pages for dates and times.

**Self-Guiding Trails**
There are four self-guiding trails in Yosemite Valley:
- The Miwok in Yosemite is a short loop trail that winds through the Indian Village of Ahwahnee, a reconstructed Miwok-Paiute village. A booklet is available at the trailhead and in the Visitor Center. Large print materials are available in the Visitor Center for the usually impaired. The trail begins behind the Yosemite Museum.
- A Changing Yosemite is a 1-mile trail that begins in front of the Valley Visitor Center, near shuttle stop #5. It winds through Cook’s Meadow and explores the changes that have led to the Yosemite we experience today.
- Mirror Lake Interpretive Trail is a short loop adjacent to Mirror Lake, a source lake on Tioga Creek. Exhibits focus on the rich natural history of the area, American Indian use, and history of the popular destination. To reach the start of the trail, walk 1 mile from shuttle stop #17 to the shaded parking spaces near the lake. The self-guiding trail begins here.
- The Legacy of Curry Village is an easy stroll commemorating the early days of Camp Curry. Pick up a map and guide at the Curry Village front desk or tour desk.

**Tuolumne Meadows**
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**Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center**
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Park orientation, trail information, books, maps, and display. Phone 209/372-0625.

**Parsons Memorial Lodge and Soda Springs**
Discover the natural and human history of Tuolumn Meadows and look to the place where John Muir and Robert Underwood Johnson conceived the idea of establishing Yosemite National Park. This area is an easy 1/2-mile walk from Lembert Dome parking area or from the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Allow 30 minutes walking time.

Spiral programs occur at Parsons Memorial Lodge at 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays from July 13 to August 24. Look for these listings in the Scheduled Events section of Today.

**Free Tuolumne/Olmsted Point/Tioga Pass Shuttle Bus**
Free shuttle bus service is available during the summer along the Tioga Road from Olmsted Point to Tioga Pass. Due to limited shuttle parking, use of the free shuttle buses is strongly advised.

Shuttles travel between Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Olmsted Point with stops along the Tioga Road including Tuolumne Campground and the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. The shuttle also makes two morning (9:00 a.m. and noon) and two afternoon (1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.) runs to Tioga Pass.

Service begins at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 7:00 a.m. Shuttle buses arrive at approximately 6 minutes intervals between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle bus leaves Olmsted Point at 6:30 p.m. Schedules are subject to change. Please check route maps at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center or shuttle bus stops for details.

**Just for Kids**
Programs for children include Junior Rangers (ages 5-10). Join a ranger to explore new areas and learn about geology, birds, flowers, American Indians, and more. These walks range from 1 to 8 hours and are usually held in the morning. A nature walk takes place each evening. A night walk also lasts 2 hours and is usually held after 9:00 p.m. A nature walk takes place each evening. A night walk also lasts 2 hours and is usually held after 9:00 p.m.

**Ranger Walks**
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**Cathedral Pk from Cathedral Lake**

**Evening Activities**
Come to a campfire and take part in a tradition! Join a ranger for camping, singing, storytelling, and answers to some of your questions about Yosemite. Program topics vary, and are posted at the campground, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

A campfire for children is scheduled Wednesday at the Coonser Circle in the “C” loop of the campground. End your day with a Star Program or Night Prowl. Bring a pad to sit on for the Star Program and dress warmly. Programs will be cancelled if the sky is overcast. Sign-up for the Night Prowl at the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center.

**Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center**
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed for lunch). Located just off the Tioga Road, along the roadway leading to Tuolumne Lodge, shuttle stop #3. This trail information, wilderness permits, bear carrierm rentals, maps, and guidebooks available.

WHAT TO DO
### Special Events

- **Parsons Memorial Lodge**
  - These programs begin at 2:00 p.m. and last approximately 1 hour. Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.
  - **Saturday, August 3**
    - "An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite National Park"

### Free Art Classes

- Programs offered for adults through the Art Activity Center, located at the east end of Yosemite Village next to the Village Store. Each day class begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

### NPS = National Park Service

### AAC = American Alpine Club

### AAG = The Ansel Adams Gallery

### YCS = Yosemite Concession Services

### YA = Yosemite Association

### Ti = Yosemite Institute

### S = Programs offered for a fee

### Indicates programs accessible for visitors in wheelchairs, with assistance.

### Scheduled Events

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### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- **10:00am** Sunrise Photo Walk 1 hr. Sign up for meet at Yosemite Lodge Torch Room (NPS)
- **10:30am** Ranger Hike to Vernal Fall 2½ hr. 3½ mi., moderately strenuous. Shuttle stop #4. Bring sturdy footwear and water
- **11:00am** CHILDREN’S PHOTO WALK 1 hr. The Ahnapee Concourse Desk Parents must accompany. Limited to 15 (Kodak)

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- **9:00am** Photography Walk 2 hrs. Space limited. Sign up at the Ansel Adams Gallery Weather permitting (AAG)
- **10:00am** EXPLORE YOSEMITE 3 hrs. Sign up/information at Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village Torch Room (DFS; STS)
- **11:00am** WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (August 3 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- **10:00am** Ranger Hike to Mirror Lake and Beyond 3½ hr. 5½ mi., easy to moderate. Shuttle stop #17. Bring sturdy footwear and water
- **11:00am** WILDERNESS QUILT PROJECT (August 3 only) 2 hrs. LeConte Memorial Lodge (Sierra Club)

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- **10:00am** Ranger Hike—Cascades and Domes on the Trail to Glen Aulin (August 7 only) 5½ hr. 7½ mi., moderately strenuous. Shuttle stop #1. Bring sturdy footwear and water
- **11:00am** Special Yosemite Lecture—Wildflowers of Yosemite National Park (July 30 - August 12, 2002)

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- **10:00am** ranger Hike—Dome of Yosemite (August 7 only) 5½ hr. 7½ mi., moderately strenuous. Shuttle stop #1. Bring sturdy footwear and water
- **11:00am** LUNCH WALK WITH A RANGER (August 7 only) 1 hr. Tuolumne Dome, shuttle stop #1. Bring lunch and water

### KIDS’ CAMPFIRE

- **1 hr.** Congress Camp in Loop E of Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
- **2 hrs.** Cardinal Camp in Tuolumne Meadows Campground (NPS)
- **3 hrs.** White Wolf Campground (NPS)

### WALK AMONG THE GIANTS

- **3½ hr.** Tuolumne Grove parking lot (NPS)
Giant Sequoia

Located inside the Information Station.

Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Monday. The Center is always open, and interpretive signs and brochures are available. 

Take A Stage Ride
Take a 10-minute ride and experience the adventure of horse-drawn stage travel in Yosemite. Purchase tickets near the Wawona Covered Bridge.

To get to Mariposa Grove
The trailhead for walking up through the Grove is located at the far end of the parking area. Interpretive signs between the trailhead and the California Tree provide a self-guiding tour. Written translations are available at the trailhead in Spanish, German, French, and Japanese.

Walking through the Grove
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Free Mariposa Grove & Wawona Shuttle Bus
The shuttle bus stops at the Wawona Store, South Entrance, and Mariposa Grove. Shuttle service operates daily beginning at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle leaves Wawona at 5:00 p.m.; last shuttle leaves the Grove at 5:30 p.m. Visitors may park at the Wawona Store to board the shuttle bus. Due to narrow roads and very limited parking, visitors are strongly encouraged to use this free bus service to help alleviate congestion and lengthy parking delays.

Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf

Big Oak Flat Information Station
Open 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Station is located just inside the park at the Big Oak Flat Entrance Station (Highway 120 west), and offers park orientation materials, trail information, books, and maps. Phone: 209/375-1019. 

Big Oak Flat Wilderness Center
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Located inside the Information Station. Wilderness permits, trail information, bear canister rentals, books, and maps.

Yosemite’s Other Sequoia Groves
Tuolumne Grove
The Tuolumne Grove of giant sequoias is near Crane Flat at the intersection of the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West) and the Tioga Road. The center of the Big Oak Flat Road leads downhill from Crane Flat into the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees, a cluster of about 25 sequoias. Now closed to cars, this 2-mile (3.2 km) round-trip has a elevation change of 500 feet (150 meters). The downhill walk is relatively easy, though it is moderately strenuous on the uphill return. Once in the Tuolumne Grove, there is an easy half-mile, self-guiding nature trail.

Merced Grove
Yosemite’s quietest stand of sequoias is in the Merced Grove, accessible only on foot. It’s a 2-mile hike into the grove from the Big Oak Flat Road (Highway 120 West). Located 3.5 miles north of the Big Oak Flat entrance, the trailhead is marked by a post labeled B-10 and a road sign. Allow 1 hours 4 minutes for the 4-mile round-trip hike to the grove from the trailhead.

Ranger Programs
Please check the bulletin boards at Crane Flat, Big Oak Flat, and White Wolf for additional upcoming ranger programs.

WHAT TO DO